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**To:** [Ruhl, Christopher](#)  
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**Subject:** Re: Lard Oil Company; Public Health Discussion with LDHH on Oil Impacted Homes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 23, 2016 12:50:18 PM

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Very good,

Thanks everyone!

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Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 23, 2016, at 12:33 PM, Ruhl, Christopher <[Ruhl.Christopher@epa.gov](mailto:Ruhl.Christopher@epa.gov)> wrote:

Patrick-

Excellent and thanks again for inviting the Department of Public Health to participate. I appreciate their willingness to assist.

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**From:** Young, Patrick  
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Chris,

August 23, 2016  
11:00 A.M.  
EPA EOC Conference Room, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
1445 Ross Ave, Dallas, TX

Re: Summary of conference call between EPA, ATSDR and the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (LDHH) regarding motor oil from Lard Oil Co. spill during Louisiana flooding event.

At the request of EPA OSC Bryant Smalley, a conference call was facilitated by ATSDR R6 to discuss public health impacts associated with oil contaminating residents and

yards in and around the Lard Oil Co. spill. EPA requested LDHH support efforts to address public health concerns raised by the citizens on determination of health risk associated during and after cleanup by the responsible party and any re occupancy impacts.

The following outcomes were derived from the conference call discussion:

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->LDDH agreed to develop a FAQ sheet to address health effects on oil exposures for residence that can be passed out by OSC Bryant while residents return to homes after flood waters recede. Time frame to create FAQ: end of the week August 26, 2016.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]-->EPA offered to LDHH an opportunity to review any oil clean up response plans developed by EPA or RP, to be made available to LDHH for public health review, comment and input.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->3. <!--[endif]-->EPA offered to reimburse LDHH for any hours or site visits out of the Oil Fund. (However, due to the small amount of oil released into the environmental, LDDH declined the offer at this time).
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->4. <!--[endif]-->LDDH agreed to visit the homes impacted as soon as the area impacted are determined safe and speak with citizens on health effects associated with oil exposures and oil contamination.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->5. <!--[endif]-->Should the LDHH need or request technical support in the future, ATSDR R6 will facilitate with CDC and ATSDR Atlanta, GA.

Call Participants:

LDHH Participants: Dr. Ratard, State Epidemiologist, Diana Dugas, Kathleen Aubin, Shannon Soileau, Darcie Olexia (SEET), medical fellow.

EPA Participants: Chris Ruhl, John Martin, Madison Baxter

ATSDR Participants: CAPT Patrick Young

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